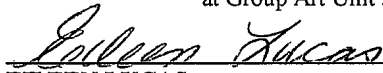


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This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 08, 2006 and is within the four month period for reply with a one month extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

The Examiner accepts Claims 18 and 19.

With respect to Claim 20 that is rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks that follow.

With respect to Claims 1-17, 20 and 21 rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C §102 or 35 U.S.C §103, the Applicant submits a Notice of Appeal under 35 U.S.C § 134.